

Amendments to the Claims:

The listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A device for storing a plurality of protective cases on a holding element, wherein the protective cases each have an insertion opening on one end face for inserting flat information carriers and a second face which rests at least partially on the holding element, and wherein, in an edge area, the holding element has a tab which engages in a recess in each said second face of each protective case such that a respective protective case can be pivoted from a storage position into a removal position in which an information carrier can be removed from, or inserted into, said respective protective case, wherein each protective case can be detached from the holding element in the storage position.

2. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the said information carriers are CDs or DVDs.

3. (Canceled).

4. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein each protective case can be detached from the holding element in the removal position.

5. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each recess is conical and has at least one stop face, which in the removal position contacts a stop face of the tab.

6. (Original) A device according to claim 5, wherein the stop face of the tab is substantially perpendicular to the holding element.

7. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each recess has an access opening in the second face of each protective case, which is adapted to a shape of the tab, such that the dimensions of the access opening are slightly larger than the dimensions of the tab.

8. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein a center of mass of each ~~the~~ protective case ~~eases~~ is arranged relative to a pivoting point of each respective protective case ~~the protective cases~~ such that an automatic pivoting of each ~~the~~ protective case ~~eases~~ from the removal position or from the storage position is excluded.

9. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ a center of mass of ~~the~~ each protective ~~eases~~ case relative to a pivoting point of ~~the~~ each respective protective ~~eases~~ case is arranged such that each ~~the~~ protective case ~~eases~~ automatically pivots ~~pivot~~ into the removal position or the storage position once the center of mass is shifted over an intermediate position between the storage position and the removal position.

10. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the tab has a rectangular cross section and extends almost entirely across the width of the holding element.

11. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein ~~the~~ each recess is a through opening.

12. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a rear wall.

13. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 12, wherein the rear wall has a tongue element, and a face of the protective case is associated with the rear wall and has a correspondingly shaped groove that rests at least partially on said tongue element.

14. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has sidewalls.

15. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a cover member.

16. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a rear wall, sidewalls and a cover member.

17. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein at least one additional holding element can be attached to the holding element using at least one connecting device.

18. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 17, wherein the at least one connecting device is arranged in such a way that the holding element can be expanded both horizontally and vertically.

19. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 17, wherein the at least one connecting device has at least one groove-shaped recess each in the holding elements to be connected and a connecting element arranged at least in sections inside ~~the~~ each respective recess.

20. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 19, wherein the connecting element is detachably fixed inside the at least one groove-shaped recess.

21. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 19, wherein the connecting element is arranged in the at least one groove-shaped recess in a positive locking manner.

22. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 19, wherein the at least one groove-shaped recess has a dovetail profile.

23. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein further comprising a pivotable flap for covering the insertion opening of each protective case in the storage position.

24. (Currently amended) A device according to claim 23, wherein the pivotable flap is hinged to a rear wall of the holding element.

25. (Original) A device according to claim 24, wherein the rear wall has a tongue element, and a face of the protective case associated with the rear wall has a correspondingly shaped groove that rests at least partially on said tongue element.

26. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element has a catch, which prevents the pivoting of the protective cases from the storage position into the removal position.

27. (Original) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element is or the protective cases are at least partially made of a transparent material.

28. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 1, wherein the holding element is provided with ~~lighting means~~ a light source.

29. (Currently Amended) A device according to claim 28, wherein the ~~lighting means includes at least one~~ light source is integrated into ~~the~~ a cover element.